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## QUICK FACTS

**2010**

Program established at  
UW-Madison

**4**

Universities offering a Russian  
Flagship Program nationwide

**32**

Students who have fully completed  
the program with Superior-level  
proficiency and been certified as  
Flagship Global Professionals

**48**

Students currently enrolled  
in the program

**67**

Percentage of participants who  
are from Wisconsin



**THE LANGUAGE FLAGSHIP**

*Creating Global Professionals*

# Russian Flagship Program

## OVERVIEW

The Language Flagship, a public/private partnership sponsored by the National Security Education Program (NSEP) of the U.S. Department of Defense and administered by the Institute of International Education (IIE), is a national effort to change the way Americans learn languages. Students completing the University of Wisconsin-Madison Russian Flagship Program develop Superior-level language and cultural proficiency in Russian, a language designated as critical to U.S. economic competitiveness and national security.

Students in the UW-Madison Russian Flagship Program follow a rigorous course of study on campus and overseas, studying abroad in a Russian-speaking country at least twice, the second time on the academic-year Russian Overseas Flagship in Almaty, Kazakhstan, where students complete a professional internship.

## STUDENT PROFILE

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| Majors                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 38 unique majors represented by students in the program to date</li></ul>  |
| Post-Graduation Paths | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Employment in:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Federal government</li><li>○ Non-profit organizations</li><li>○ Private sector</li></ul></li><li>• Graduate or professional school</li></ul> |

## KEY OUTCOMES

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| For Students | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ACTFL Superior (ILR 3) language proficiency</li><li>• Professional-level cultural competence</li><li>• Certification as Flagship Global Professionals, based on achievement of the first two of outcomes, as well as completion of the domestic curriculum and two study abroad experiences</li></ul>    |
| For the U.S. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Increased workforce pool of specialists in a variety of fields with professional-level Russian language and cultural proficiency</li><li>• Enhanced linguistically and culturally-informed national security policy and practices</li><li>• Greater economic competitiveness in global markets</li></ul> |